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SUBJECT: LIBERAL MP J. GILLES LAMONTAGNE APPOINTED
MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO

1. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU JAN. 19 ADDED ANOTHER MEMBER
TO THE LARGEST CABINET IN CANADIAN HISTORY BY APPOINTING
LIBERAL MP GILLES LAMONTAGNE AS MINISTER WITHOUT
PORTFOLIO. CABINET NOW NUMBERS 34 MEMBERS.

2. COMMENT: LAMONTAGNE APPOINTMENT IS SEEN AS A MOVE
TO RESTORE CABINET REPRESENTATION TO QUEBEC CITY.
LAMONTAGNE, WHO WAS MAYOR OF QUEBEC CITY FOR 12 YEARS
UNTIL DECEMBER 1976, WAS ELECTED TO COMMONS LAST MAY
IN LANGELEIR BY-ELECTION. HE SUCCEEDED FORMER CABINET
MINISTER JEAN MARCHAND WHO RESIGNED IN JUNE OF 1976
TO RUN IN PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

3. LAMONTAGNE ESTABLISHED REPUTATION IN QUEBEC CITY
AS A VIGOROUS MAYOR WITH A PARTICULAR FLARE FOR
DEVELOPMENT. HIS ADMINISTRATION REPLACED LARGE AREAS
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OF OLD BUILDINGS WITH MODERN OFFICE BUILDINGS,
SATISFYING SOME AND ANGERING OTHERS. LAMONTAGNE WAS
AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD CONSTITUENCY MAN, WELL KNOWN
THROUGHOUT HIS RIDING. HE IS A FEDERALIST WHOSE
VIEWS ON A "NEW CONFEDERATION" CLOSELY PARALLEL
TRUDEAU'S. LAMONTAGNE'S WIFE, MARY, IS A FORMER U.S.
CITIZEN, BDRN IN OHIO.

4. FULL BIO INFORMATION FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.
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